SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: The Prime Minister is answering my question.

SHRI P.V. NARASIMHA RAO: Sir, my colleague has very meekly said that he will not question what the hon. Member has said. But the Member has said about 'we'. I do not know what that 'we' means. In it women or we? (*Interruption*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS

Out-of-Turn Allotment in National Physical Laboratory

*225. SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is an out-of-turn allotment of accommodation to officers of the common cadre staff in the National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi general pool accommodation, belonging to the SC/ST category or general category without priority list;

(b) if so, how many officers belonging to SC/ST have been allotted higher accommodation under reserved quota, namely, from type II to type III and from type III to type IV in the last five years alongwith names and designations of allottees;

(c) how many officers belonging to the SC/ST category have been debarred for allotment under reserved category because they are in possession of NPL general pool accommodation; and

(d) if so, the reasons for debarring such persons for type IV accommodation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Yes, Sir. Certain categories of common cadre staff including those belonging to SC/ST category are entitled for an out of turn allotment of accommodation in the National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi.

(b) Since the rules do not provide for allotment of higher type of accommodation from reserved quota to SC/ST employees who are already in occupation of general pool accommodation, none of the Officers belonging to this category has been alloted higher type of accommodation in the last five years.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Feasibility study on Rohtang Tunnel

*226. SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Phase-II and Phase-III feasibility study of Rohtang Tunnel in Himachal Pradesh has since been completed;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for the delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The feasibility study of constructing a tunnel at Rohtang was entrasted to M/s. RITES in May, 1990. The study was to be carried out in three sequential phases. The Phase-I commenced in June, 1990 and was completed in June, 1994.

Necessary clearance has been given to commence Phase-II of the Feasibility Study. The report is expected in March, 1996, Phase-III will be taken up subsequently.